

School Yard Naturescaping Grants

Apply now for a \$ 500 student action grant from Project WILD!

What is a Naturescaping Grant?

An action project designed by students to establish wildlife habitat on or nearby your school grounds.

Why focus on habitat?

Providing habitat for diverse populations of wildlife is of increasing importance. Naturescaping projects allow students to take positive actions which result in long-term benefits for wildlife.

How large a project does it have to be?

It can be as simple as planting native plants for birds and butterflies or as extensive as revegetating winter range for big game animals. Many schools use the Naturescaping Grant as "seed" money and solicit additional funding from community and school sources.

What should the emphasis be?

- To involve students in project planning and implementation;
- To plant native species appropriate to region and vegetation zone;
- To improve or protect habitat for wildlife;
- To design areas for interdisciplinary studies;
 - To correlate the project to state core curricula
 - To incorporate use of Project WILD activities into outdoor classroom studies.

Who Can Apply?

Grants are available to educators who have participated in a Project WILD Educator Training.

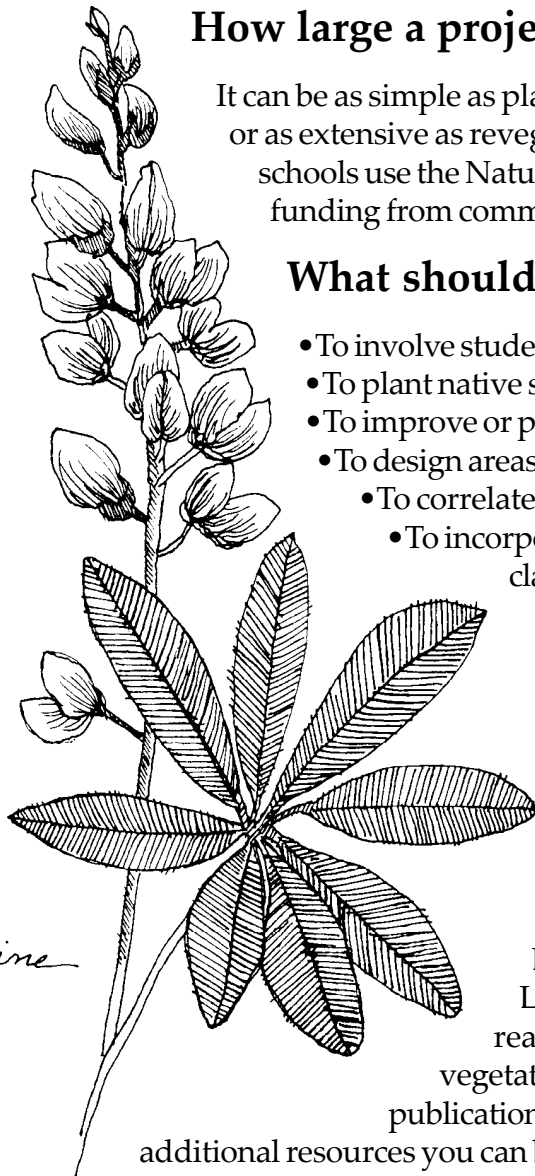
Here's how to apply:

- Complete a School Yard Naturescaping Grant application and submit it to Project WILD, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, 1594 West N. Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84116. A good reference you may wish to read is: *Creating Landscapes for Wildlife*: a guide to Utah's vegetative zones and native plants (see <http://wildlife.utah.gov/publications/pdf/landscapingforwildlife.pdf>). Project WILD has

additional resources you can borrow to help you and your students in the design and implementation of your Schoolyard Naturescaping Project and utilizing your outdoor classroom for wildlife and environmental education studies over time.

As long as the natural world is a remote place "out there" and not to be found in the familiar settings where we live, protection of the earth's environment is unlikely.

- Randy Haluza-DeLay -



Project WILD
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Application for School Yard Naturescaping Grant
2008-2009

Section I

Date of Application

Name of Applicant

E-Mail Address

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Phone Numbers

Home

Work

Date and location of last Project WILD workshop attended (**Required**)

Name of Co-applicant

E-Mail Address

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Phone Numbers

Home

Work

Date and location of last Project WILD workshop attended

School Name

District

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School Phone Number

School Address

City

State

Zip Code

Name of Group Responsible for the Project
(class, club, organization, etc.)

Number of Students

Age(s)/Grade(s)

Section II

Enlist a representative/contact (e.g. Conservation Officer, Outreach Manager, Biologist) from your regional office of the Division of Wildlife Resources to act as a resource person, provide assistance when needed and answer questions regarding your project (see phone numbers of UDWR Regional Offices below).

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Regional Contact (**Required**):

Name

Signature

Date

Central Region:
(801) 491-5678

Northern Region:
(801) 476-2740

Southern Region:
(435) 865-6100

Southeastern Region:
(435) 613-3701

Northeastern Region:
(435) 789-3103

Section III

On separate paper, please address the following. Please limit your responses to no more than one typewritten page per question but give details. Include with your completed application.

1. Describe your project. Please clearly define the goals and objectives. Identify any native species you will be planting. Include diagrams and photographs if appropriate.
2. Describe the role students will have in the planning and implementation of the project.
3. Provide a project budget showing how the grant money will be used in developing your group's Naturescaping project.
4. How will you be involving other students, teachers, staff and members of the community in your project?
5. Please tell us how your project will benefit wildlife. Please include a brief discussion of the types of wildlife you expect to benefit. How do you plan to avoid creating nuisance wildlife problems?
6. How will the project benefit your school and community? How do you plan to have students promote and publicize the project?
7. Discuss your plans of how your project will be used as an outdoor classroom. **Include a description on how you will incorporate Project WILD activities into outdoor classroom lessons.**
8. Describe how your project is correlated to the standards and objectives in the State Core Curricula.
9. Please describe your plan for the maintenance of the project over the course of the next 5 years.
10. What community organizations and other partners will you be working with to obtain additional funds, support or sponsorship of this project?

Section IV

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Co-Applicant

Date

Print Name of Principal

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Phone Number of Principal

Signature of Principal

Date

Submit Application by April 30, 2009 to:

**Project WILD
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
P.O. Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301**